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## 1. A Soviet army is generally composed of:

- 5 armored divisions
- 2 infantry divisions
- 2 artillery regiments
- 2 automatic gun regiments (Salvengeschütze)
- 1 battalion of military police.
- Units of engineer, signal, and supply troops.

## 2. A Soviet armored division consists of:

- a. Divisional staff
- b. Divisional service units
- c. Divisional headquarters troops, composed of signal, engineer, and AA units.
- d. Divisional combat troops, consisting of:

- 4 armored regiments, each with
- 3 battalions, each with
- 4 companies

## 3. Divisional combat troop companies consist of:

- 1 CO, usually a major
- 1 technical officer, in charge of the motor pool
- 1 administrative officer
- 1 political officer
- 15 officers as section leaders and commanders of armored vehicles
- 100 enlisted men

Each company possesses 15 tanks, mostly T-34's and T-42/85's (sic).

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5. An armored regiment is usually commanded by a general.

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6. Soviet officers state that armored divisions in the Russian Zone of Germany are equipped with only half of the prescribed number of armored vehicles. Missing armor was left in Poland, or further east, to be used for training purposes.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: In comparison with T/Os given in War Department manual TM-30-430, it appears as if "armored regiment" in Para. 2-d should read "armored brigade". The statement in Para. 5 adds to this impression. This would make "armored division" read "armored corps".)

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